



Zoo World Zoological & Botanical  
Conservatory  
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### **CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY**

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

#### **Date of Violation: September 11, 2012**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.84(d)** Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control. An effective program for control of insects, external parasites affecting nonhuman primates, and birds and mammals that are pests, must be established and maintained so as to promote the health and well-being of the animals and reduce contamination by pests in animal areas.

You failed to establish and maintain an effective program for the control of pests as evidenced by large accumulations of rodent feces scattered on the floor of the tamarin night houses.

#### **Date of Violation: December 11, 2012**

**9 C.F.R. § 2.131(c)(1)** Handling of animals. During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

The barrier fence on one side of the dingo enclosure consisted of two strands of rope and did not provide adequate distance between the primary enclosure, the animals inside, and the public.

#### **Date of Violation: April 16, 2013**

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APHIS officials observed numerous fresh and old rodent droppings in the diana monkey night house and rodent holes on the ringtail lemur island.



**Date of Violation: April 16, 2013**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.127(c)** A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water.

You failed to provide a suitable method of rapidly eliminating water as evidenced by large amounts of standing water and mud in the Bengal tiger exhibit.

**Date of Violation: April 16, 2013**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.131(c)** Sanitation. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices.

You failed to remove large accumulations of avian wastes on the tops of the wood enclosure dividers in the petting zoo barn area.

**Date of Violation: April 16, 2013**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.131(d)** Sanitation. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

APHIS officials observed numerous fresh and old rodent droppings in the bear night house and rodent holes in close proximity to animal enclosures.

**Date of Violation: April 19, 2013**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a)** Facilities, general. (a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

A five month old giraffe's ossi cones got caught in the space that existed between the horizontal slats above the door on the right side of the barn sheltered area. The medical record indicated that the giraffe struggled loose, and as a result, sustained injuries to his cervical area. He was subsequently euthanized.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$1,571.